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To the Editor of Vanity Fair:

Dear Vanity:—There have been some important questions asked lately in the House of Commons relative to the possible annexation of the Hawaiian group of islands to the United States. It is to be hoped that such an event may be prevented by hook or by crook. For, to say nothing of its being entirely against the professed principles of the United States to occupy a foreign country, it would be so much against the interests of the whole world were they to do so, that Great Britain should make an effort, before it is too late, to prevent the nationality of the Sandwich Islands from being wiped out.

The question asked of the Under-Secretary had reference to the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, and suggested that America had bound herself not to interfere with the Sandwich Islands. The United States never did anything so patriotically foolish. It was Great Britain that, under the auspices of Lord Aberdeen, committed this suicidal act of national generosity in conjunction with France. The treaty runs as follows:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the King of the French, taking into consideration the existence in the Sandwich Islands of a Government capable of providing for the regularity of its relations with foreign nations, have thought it right to engage reciprocally to consider the Sandwich Islands as an Independent State, and never to take possession, neither directly or under any other form, of any part of the territory of which they are composed.

The undersigned—Her Britannic Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Ambassador Extraordinary of His Majesty the King of the French at the Court of London—being furnished with the necessary powers, hereby declare in consequence that their said Majesties take reciprocally that engagement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have signed the present declaration, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done in duplicate at London, the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

(Signed) ABERDEEN, L. S.

The French copy is signed by St. Aulaire. The Aberdeen Treaty was apparently made with the object of maintaining the status quo. This failed on the deposition of a Republic, and therefore possibly the Treaty became null void; or, at any rate, Great Britain is only responsible to France for what may be considered a mutual understanding.

Shortly before the negotiation of the Aberdeen Treaty Lord George Paulet with H. M. S. Carysfort had taken over the protectorate of the Sandwich Islands, and hoisted the Union Jack at Honolulu, very much to the satisfaction of the natives. The irregularities that were being committed by the Government were so indefensible that this was considered the simplest method of rectification, the only parties objecting being the foreign loafers, who saw that it might affect their personal interests in the future; and they formed the nucleus of opposition which worked upon the Admiral on the Pacific station, and induced him to cancel the occupation without previous reference to the Home Government. Had he been a sensible man I think he would have acted otherwise. Hence the present state of affairs very much after the style of the history of the Transvaal.

When Lord Aberdeen made his treaty with France I have no doubt he supposed that the Sandwich Islanders would last for ever, and that the dynasty of the Kamehamehas was interminable; but at the very time the treaty was being signed the population of the islands, unprotected by a Contagious Diseases Act, was diminishing so rapidly that it

was evident to anyone who studied the subject that it must soon disappear.

When I first went to the Sandwich Islands in 1888 the native population was estimated at about 70,000. I question if there are 30,000 bona fide Hawaiians existing on the whole group at the present moment. The population has been kept alive only by the inter-marriage of foreigners, but this element is a rowdy one, and ripe for revolution at any moment. The substantial population suitable for carrying on the government of the country falls very far short of what would be required to secure peace and prosperity. Something must be done soon to give the islands stability. Japan has 30,000 of her subjects settled among the islands, and she is not going to allow the American Eagle to swoop down and strangle the laborious efforts of her subjects.

We are too apt in this country to treat distant matters of importance with manifest indifference. It was thus we lost Oregon, California, San Juan and Alaska. I could tell you many home truths regarding these questions which would simply stagger the just nations of the present generation.

On the strength of her unjustifiable occupation of territory on the Pacific coast, America now claims that she alone has the right to possess the Sandwich Islands, discovered by Cook, one of our most famous circumnavigators, and patronised to such an extent by this country that the Union Jack of England has for considerably over half a century been the Union of the Hawaiian flag, while Hawaii was always looked upon as a protegee of England.

No; it is impossible that we can quietly consent to the annexation of the Sandwich Islands by the United States. Better support Japan in maintaining their independence under a Japanese Protectorate. But whatever does happen, let us make a final determination that whatever flag be fated to fly over the islands it shall only be permitted by Great Britain to wave over ports that shall be declared free to the trade of the whole world. I am, dear Vanity, faithfully yours,

ADAM D. DUNDAS.

N. B., August 3, 1897.

FOUND THE NORTH POLE.

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